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SUBJECT: DELAYS IN US POSITIONS ON COCOM CASES

REF: A. COCOM DOC. (74) 1752

B. COCOM DOC. (74) 1769

C. COCOM DOC. (74) 1788

D. COCOM DOC. (74) 1790

1. USDEL WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS WHEN REFCASES WERE DUE FOR US REACTION ON OCTOBER 8. FIRST FOUR HAD BEEN RESCHEDULED SINCE USDEL HAD TO RESERVE FOR LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS WHEN ORIGINALLY DISCUSSED AT SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING, AND US POSITION WAS DUE ON REF E SINCE CANADIANS HAD REPLIED AT THAT SAME MEETING TO QUESTIONS POSED BY US. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, USDEL REQUESTED ADDITIONAL TWO-WEEK EXTENSION UNDER TERMS OF PARA 5 OF COCOM DOC. REG (73) 3. OUR 23743 REPORTS THAT THIS DELAY ACTED AS A DE FACTO OBJECTION TO THE FRENCH CASE IN REF C.

2. UKDEL MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN REACTION TO US REQUEST: THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATE RECALLED THAT ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 4(A)(II) OF COCOM DOC. REG. (73) 3 "WHEN ONE OR MORE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS THEN RESERVE THEIR POSITION WITHOUT PUTTING QUESTIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CASE WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR 14 CALENDAR DAYS LATER.

SUCH GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO STATE A FINAL VIEW OR POSE QUESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT IN NO EVENT LATER THAN THE DATE OF RESCHEDULING." WHILE THE DELEGATE UNDERSTOOD THE DIFFICULTY IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES DELEGATE FOUND HIMSELF, HE WOULD NEVERTHELESS URGE HIM TO ASK HIS AUTHORITIES TO ACCELERATE THEIR EXECUTION OF THIS CASE SO AS TO COMPLY WITH THE COMMITTEE'S PROCEDURES. HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO AGREE TO AN EXTENSION OF LONGER THAN A WEEK AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION COULD PROVIDE A VIEW IN ONE WEEK'S TIME.

3. CANADIAN DEL RECALLED THAT "HIS DELEGATION'S URGENCY PROPOSAL TABLED ON THE 11TH SEPTEMBER IN COCOM DOC. (74) 1826 REMAINED PENDING IN VIEW OF A RESERVATION BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION. SINCE HE HAD REPLIED TO THE LATTER'S QUESTIONS ON THE 24 SEPTEMBER (SEE COCOM DOC. (74) 1938), HE HAD EXPECTED THAT TODAY, 14 DAYS LATER, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE THEIR AUTHORITIES' VIEW ON THIS CASE. HE REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE CASE HAD BEEN SUBMITTED UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE BECAUSE THE EQUIPMENT OUGHT TO BE SHIPPED BY MID-OCTOBER, I.E., IN SEVEN DAYS TIME. HE HOPED, THEREFORE, THAT THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES WOULD MAKE KNOWN THEIR FINAL VIEW IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PROMPT INSTRUCTIONS ON REFS A-D AND ALSO ON FOLLOWING CASES ON WHICH USDEL WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AT OCT. 1 MEETING AND HENCE ARE UP AGAIN ON OCTOBER 15: (74) 1800, 1827, 1841, 1844, 1845, 1852, (WHICH IS MATE TO (74) 1826), AND 1614 (LATTER OF WHICH WAS "RE-SCHEDULED"). ON (74) 1791 FRENCH DEL MADE A REPLY TO OUR QUESTION ON OCT. 1 AND HENCE WE SHOULD ALSO REACT ON OCT. 15.

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